



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2019-13

Week 41

Friday October 4, at 2:00 p.m.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

NOTICE: Chum test fisheries in Johnstone Strait have been tracking low and this could indicate that the Canadian Inside Southern chum run size is below the critical threshold of 1.0 million. Pursuant to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the US cannot have chum directed fisheries in Areas 7/7A if the Inside Southern chum run size is below the 1.0 million critical threshold. At this time, we have not received official notice from Canada that the run size is below 1.0 million and are scheduling 7/7A chum fisheries as planned. Please check the hotline early in the week and prior to fishing for any updates on 7/7A chum

For the week beginning Sunday October 6, all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM: Daily Monday, October 7 - Friday, October 11

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 7/7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts) will be open to:

Reef Nets

5 AM to 9 PM daily: Sunday, October 6 - Saturday, October 12.

Reef Nets may retain Chum, and Coho. Reef Nets Must release all Chinook.

Gillnets using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh size:

7 AM to midnight: Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12

Recovery boxes are required and soak times are limited to 45 minutes from first mesh in to last mesh out. Gillnets must release all Chinook and Coho.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

7 AM to 6 PM: Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12.

Brailing of catch and recovery boxes are required. Purse seines must release all Chinook and Coho.

Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through Midnight, November 2

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open continuously through 6 PM, November 2

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please 360-902-2717.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay west of a line from Mission Beach to Hermosa Point) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

6 PM Sunday, October 6 - 8 AM Monday, October 7
6 PM Monday, October 7 - 8 AM Thursday, October 10
6 PM Thursday, October 10 - 8 AM. Friday, October 11

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip:

7 AM to 6 PM: Tuesday October 8. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, is open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 2nd.

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.